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Clerk of the Legislature

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2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: I call the Health  
3 Committee meeting to order, and ask the Clerk to  
4 please take the roll.

5 CLERK KIERNAN: Legislator Bynoe?

6 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

7 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator Jacobs?

8 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Here.

9 CLERK KIERNAN: Ranking Member DeRiggi-  
10 Whitton?

11 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

12 CLERK KIERNAN: Legislator Kennedy?

13 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

14 CLERK KIERNAN: Legislator Schafer?

15 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

16 CLERK KIERNAN: Vice Chairman Becker?

17 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Present.

18 CLERK KIERNAN: Chairwoman Walker?

19 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Here.

20 CLERK KIERNAN: We have a quorum.

21 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you.

22 We have seven items on the agenda today.

23 The first item is Clerk Item 267-15, which is an

ordinance supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Department of Social Services.

May I have a motion, please?

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: So moved.

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by Legislator Kennedy, seconded by Legislator Schaefer.

And we have Paul.

MR. BRODERICK: Good afternoon. Paul Broderick, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Social Services.

Legislators, the item before you is a supplemental appropriation for \$345,000, which funds our summer lunch - summer youth lunch program.

Do you have any questions?

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Paul, we have how many young children participating this year?

MR. BRODERICK: Legislator, good question. I was just doing the math and I backed into the answer. Approximately 1600 children, over 70 sites, and that's for the months of July and August.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Okay. Which is wonderful, because many of those children probably wouldn't have lunch if they weren't in those programs.

MR. BRODERICK: Absolutely. That's the whole purpose of the program. It's a very beneficial program.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you.

Any other questions or comments by the legislators?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

All those in favor?

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

This will carry over to the Finance Committee.

Thank you, Mr. Broderick.

MR. BRODERICK: Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: We have five items that fall under the Health Department. If you don't mind, we will call those five items

together.

Clerk Item 268-15, an ordinance supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Health Department.

270-15, 271-15, 272-15, and 283-15, which are all an ordinances supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Health Department.

We have Mary Ellen Laurain here to speak to us.

May I have a motion on those five items?

LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: By Legislator Becker, seconded by Legislator Schaefer.

MS. LAURAIN: Good afternoon. Mary Ellen Laurain, Department of Health.

Item 268-15 is a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$700,289. This is for the early intervention administrative grant. This is funded through New York State Department of Health. It pays for the administrative costs to run the program.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions or comments from the legislators?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

Okay. Item 270-15.

MS. LAURAIN: Item 270-15 is a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$55,000 for the HIV expanded services grant. This is also funded through the New York State Department of Health. This is an additional funding, with total fundings of \$155,000. This is to facilitate people who are infected with HIV/AIDS and may not be receiving medical care.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions or comments from the legislators?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

Okay. Clerk Item 271.

MS. LAURAIN: Item 271-15 is a supplemental appropriation for the bathing beach water quality monitoring program. It's for \$87,955. This is funded and mandated through the



2 New York State Department of Health. It provides  
3 beach water quality monitoring to assure the  
4 water safety.

5 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: And you've certainly  
6 been kept busy with that the last few summers.  
7 And I thank you for the updates on that, also.

8 MS. LAURAIN: Yes. Those updates are  
9 mandated.

10 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions or  
11 comments from the legislators?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 Any public comment?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 Okay. Clerk Item 272-15.

16 MS. LAURAIN: Item 272-15 is a  
17 supplemental appropriation for the HIV  
18 surveillance and partner notification program.  
19 It's for \$283,552. This is funded through the  
20 New York State Department of Health, and it is a  
21 mandated program.

22 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions or  
23 comments?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

The final one for the Department of Health is 283-15.

MS. LAURAIN: Item 283-15 is a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$99,829. This is for the children with special health care needs. It is funded through New York State Department of Health, and it provides services to families of children up to the age of 21 who have a medical diagnosis and special needs.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions or comments from the legislators?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

Hearing none; all those in favor of Clerk Items 268, 270, 271, 272, and 283-15 signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

They all carry and will go on to Finance.

Thank you, Ms. Laurain.

MS. LAURAIN: Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: The final item on our agenda is 269-15, which is an ordinance supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Department of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency, and Developmental Disability Services.

MS. HALL: Good afternoon. Brian Hall from Human Services. This is a grant for --

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: I'm sorry. We need a motion. I'm sorry.

LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: By Legislator Becker, seconded by Legislator Kennedy.

Sorry.

MR. HALL: That's all right.

Brian Hall, Department of Human Services. This is a grant for \$522,000 for chemical dependency services. It's 100 percent funded by New York State.

Any questions or comments from the legislators? Legislator Jacobs.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: I'm thrilled that

you're getting this. Does this bring you anywhere near to what you actually need to provide the services for everyone who needs it? I noticed a figure of 12,400 chemically dependent clients.

MR. HALL: Yes. Well, we get - every year we get a grant from OASIS, which is the New York State Chemical Dependency Department, and throughout the year they give us several state aid letters updating us on the latest amounts, and this was extra funds that they gave. The individual agencies apply directly to the state for the money and then we get a new funding letter and that's where we come up with these extra funds and they distribute it among the agencies that the state directs us to.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: That's good. I've always been concerned about this. All we have to do is listen to the news, and we know the importance. It goes without saying.

MR. HALL: Right.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Good. I'm glad. I hope there will be more grants coming in.

MR. HALL: That's what we're looking

for.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: I don't blame you.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any other questions  
or comments?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

Legislator Schaefer.

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: I just have a  
quick question. Do the agencies that you  
distribute the funds to, do they make the  
decisions themselves as to what they're going to  
be used for?

MR. HALL: What they do is they send up  
what's called consolidated budget reports  
requesting funds now for 2016. They put their  
plan together. The state gets all the agencies  
together for the county. They come up with a  
total funding for the county and they actually  
tell us who gets what, which agency, and for what  
programs.

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any other questions?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

Then all those in favor of Item 269-15  
signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Anyone opposed?

(No verbal response.)

This will also move on to Finance and  
Rules.

There are no other items before us --

LEGISLATOR BECKER: Move that we  
adjourn.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved to adjourn by  
Legislator Becker -

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Seconded by  
Legislator Schaefer.

All in favor?

(Aye.)

We are adjourned.

(Whereupon, the Health and Social  
Services Committee adjourned at 3:33 p.m.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

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FRANK GRAY